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SUBJECT: INDIAN STATE ELECTION RESULTS

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IN THE IMPORTANT STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS IN UTTAR PRADESH, PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S RULING CONGRESS PARTY HAS TAKEN 382 OF THE 370 SEATS SO FAR DECIDED. IF THIS TREND HOLDS UP FOR THE REMAINING 55 SEATS, CONGRESS WILL FALL JUST SHORT OF A MAJORITY, AS IT DID IN THE LAST STATE ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS THERE IN 1973.

THE RESULTS IN UTTAR PRADESH--INDIA'S MOST POPULOUS STATE--WERE EXPECTED TO BE A GOOD INDICATION OF JUST HOW FAR THE POPULARITY OF MRS. GANDHI AND HER PARTY HAVE FALLEN SINCE IT SWEEP TO VICTORY ON THE "INDIRA WAVE" IN 1971 AND 1972. THE ANSWER APPEARS TO BE THAT THE INDIRA WAVE IS OVER, AND THE MUCH

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LEANER DAYS OF THE LATE 1960S HAVE RETURNED. EVEN SO, THE RESULTS ARE FAR FROM A DISASTER FOR CONGRESS. IT WILL BE ABLE TO FORM A STATE GOVERNMENT MOST LIKELY WITH HELP FROM THE PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST PARTY. THE GOVERNMENT PROBABLY WILL BE AN UNSTABLE ONE, BUT MRS. GANDHI HAS PROBABLY DONE WELL ENOUGH TO PRECLUDE ANY SERIOUS CHALLENGE TO HER AUTHORITY IN NEW DELHI.

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